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NEW PHYSICIAN SUPERVISOR/PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RATIOS FOR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS

Recent legislative changes (see SB 1950 below) allow physicians who work in medically underserved areas to supervise up to four physician assistants. Please call the Physician Assistant Committee office at (916) 263-2670 for information concerning this program.

NEW LAWS

AB 269 (Correa, Chapter 107, Statutes of 2002)

This bill states that the highest priority of the Physician Assistant Committee in performing its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions is the protection of the public. This same language was enacted for the other boards, commissions and bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

SB 1301 (Kuehl, Chapter 385, Statutes of 2002)

This legislation enacts a new Reproductive Privacy Act which provides that "it is the public policy of the State of California that: a) every individual has the fundamental right to choose or refuse birth control; b) every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to choose and to obtain an abortion, except as specifically limited by this article, and c) the State shall not deny or interfere with a woman's fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to choose to obtain an abortion, except as specifically permitted by this article.

Provisions of this bill also subject a person to penalties for the unlawful practice of medicine if he or she performs or assists in performing a nonsurgical abortion, and at the time of so doing does not have a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended license to practice as a physician and surgeon, or does not have another valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended license or certificate that authorizes him or her to perform or assist in performing the functions necessary for a nonsurgical abortion.

This legislation also defines "nonsurgical abortion" as including termination of pregnancy through the use of pharmacological agents.

SB 1558 (Figueroa, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2002)

This bill authorizes a certified nurse midwife, a nurse practitioner, and a physician assistant to sign for the request

and receipt of complimentary drug and dangerous devices samples that have been identified in the standard procedure, protocol, or practice agreement approved by a physician. No provision of this bill is intended to expand the scope of practice of a certified nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.

SB 1950 (Figueroa, Chapter 1085, Statutes of 2002)

This bill:

- Extends the date on which the Physician Assistant Committee would become inoperative to July 1, 2007 and repealed to January 1, 2008.
- Increases the number of physician assistants that a physician supervisor providing services in a medically underserved area can supervise from two to four
- Grants the Physician Assistant Committee the authority to issue a probationary license to an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant.

SB 2019 (Speier, Chapter 683, Statutes of 2002)

This bill authorizes a licensing board or agency to cite and fine a health care practitioner if the practitioner is in default on any U.S. Health Services education loan. In determining the amount of a fine or whether to issue a citation, the board must consider the population served by the health care practitioner and the health care practitioner's economic status.

This bill also requires the board that issues citations and fines to retain the money from those fines for deposit into its appropriate account.

Further information about legislation can be obtained by accessing the official California Legislative Information website at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The following summary indicates the administrative actions taken against licensed physician assistants by the State of California from January through December 2002. Section numbers cited refer to California Business and Professions Code (BPC); Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Division 13.8; Health and Safety Code (HSC); Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC). This summary does not reflect criminal and civil actions that may also have been brought separately against the licensee, as those actions are not within the jurisdiction of the PAC.

Although every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct, before making any decision based upon this information, check with the Physician Assistant Committee to substantiate the accuracy of this listing. Specific information on these violations may be obtained by contacting the Physician Assistant Committee at 916/263-2670, extension 204.

RICHARDSON, STEPHEN PA 13144

3527, 3531, 2234(e) BPC
Accusation filed: 10/18/01
Violations: Conviction of a crime;; dishonesty
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License
Effective Date: January 4, 2002

ROBINSON, KEVIN PA 12720

Petition to Revoke Probation filed: 8/27/01
Violation: Violation of probation
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, additional 2 years probation
Effective Date: February 21, 2002

VERNON, ELFRIEDE PA 13986

2234(b), 726 BPC
Accusation filed: 02/27/01
Violation: Sexual Relations with Patient
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, stayed, 3 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: February 25, 2002

SPENCE, JASON PA 14404

2052, 2234(b)(e), 3502, 3503, 3527(a) 3531 BPC; 11150 H&S
Accusation filed: 7/12/01
Charges: Unlawful prescribing, gross negligence, incompetence, administer drugs without approval; conviction of a crime
Default Decision: Revoked
Effective Date: May 23, 2002

JANN, SONG PA 14795

2234(e), 3502, 3527 BPC; 1399.521, 1399.545, 1399.546 CCR
Accusation filed: 7/23/01
Charges: Excessive treatment of a patient, gross negligence, repeated negligent acts
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: May 24, 2002

MADDING, CATHERINE PA 14207

2234(e), 2238, 3527(a) BPC
Accusation filed: 2/16/01
Violations: Self use of drugs; dishonesty
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: May 24, 2002

ADAMS, TIANA PA 14752

3531, 3527 BPC; 1399.521 CCR
Accusation filed: 7/19/01
Violations: Conviction of a crime
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 3 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: June 27, 2002

DAY, TERRY PA 10074

2234, 2238, 2274, 3537, 3502, 3502.1 BPC; 1399.540, 1399.545(d)(e) CCR
Accusation filed: 3/8/02
Violations: Working without supervision, unlawful prescribing, misuse of title
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License
Effective Date: July 8, 2002

BEHREND, GAYLE PA 13443

3527, 3534.5 BPC
Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation filed: 10/2/01
Violations: Violation of Probation
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License
Effective Date: July 26, 2002

FARRELL, KENNETH (applicant)

475, 480, 3527 3531 BPC; 1399.521, 1399.525 CCR
Statements Of Issues filed: 3/27/02
Charges: Conviction of a crime
Stipulated Decision: Issued, Revoked, stayed 5 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: August 20, 2002

BRIAN RESNICK (applicant)

480, 2305, 3527 BPC
Statements Of Issues filed: 11/14/01
Violations: Discipline by another state
Decision: Issued, Revoked, stayed 3 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: August 26, 2002

HICKS, RICKY PA 12721

810, 2234, 2261, 2262 BPC; 1399.521, 1399.540 CCR
Accusation filed: 6/20/01
Violations: Repeated negligence, creating false medical records
Stipulated Decision: Surrender of License
Effective Date: September 11, 2002

DUNPHY, DANIEL PA 11184

2234, 3527 BPC; 1399.521, 1399.540, 1399.541, 1399.545 CCR
Accusation filed: 12/19/01
Charges: Unprofessional conduct
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: October 3, 2002

BARBA, ROBERT PA 13184

125.9, 2234, 3527 BPC; 1399.570, 1399.572 CCR
Accusation filed: 5/15/02
Violation: Failure to comply with a citation
Default Decision: Revoked
Effective Date: October 4, 2002

AHUMADA-ALBA, LUCY PA 13539

2234 BPC
Accusation filed: 8/17/01
Allegation: Gross negligence
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 3 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: October 4, 2002

FARQUHAR, PERRY PA 14561

2234(a)(b)(d)(e), 2238, 3502, 3527 BPC; 1399.545 CCR
Accusation filed: 6/7/02
Violation(s): Gross negligence, incompetence; unlawful prescribing; dishonesty; working without supervision
Decision: Default Revocation
Effective Date: October 21, 2002

ROBERTS, WILLIAM PA 15005

498, 2234(e), 3527(a), 3531 BPC
Accusation filed: 7/12/02
Violation: Dishonest Act
Stipulated Decision: Revoked, Stayed, 5 years probation with terms and conditions
Effective Date: December 20, 2002

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE 2003 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date
November 20, 2003

Location
Sacramento

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